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Looking for Yesterday?

TO THE EDITOR:

When Mr. L. Ruthenburg says that Time magazine follows the Communist line, he proves he is grossly, pathetically, and alarmingly misinformed. As I view the Birch Society they are as Don Quixote avidly fighting to turn back the universe and give us yesterday.

I don't like it either, but the unalterable fact is approaching when the opulent living amidst and possibly upon the poverty of others (I am only mildly referring to our United States) are apt to be assigned the roll usually associated with clay pigeons. I believe the grand old days are numbered, and in small figures, when the poor will sit idly by as the greedy white man and or his tribal chief hauls off his wealth.

Unfortunately the Communist countries are extending sympathy and effective guidance, and about 1/1000th the war materials our United States provides the embedded interests to tremendous numbers of underdogs. In general our United States was given credit for helping this group until a few decades ago. It is too bad we have allowed the Communists to steal our ball and especially at this critical stage of the game; but they certainly have and are going places with it. Now we obviously feel we have no alternative but to vainly try to preserve the old order (our loud shouts to the contrary, in order to brainwash our own people, not withstanding) with guns, and so each day we create, with the active assistance and glee of the communists, thousands of world citizens who hate the very ink that writes the words United States.

Our overthrow of the legally elected government in Iran in about 1954, and ditto in Guatemala in about 1956, our CIA creating racism and havoc in British Guiana, our attempt to starve Cuba into again becoming our vassal, our deplorably ignorant and myopic and pernicious policy towards China, not to mention our unbelievably and everlasting disgraceful, cruel and ruthless burning and starving and murdering the poor unclothed people of Southeast Asia, in a vain effort to impose upon them a government they valiantly accept death in lieu of, is ignorance and lack of foresight beyond belief, in my opinion.

It is enlightening as we call them terrorists and guerrillas when they are fighting us, but the day or two in about 1956 when the natives of Hungary were fighting Russia we gleefully honored them as Freedom Fighters and brought many to this country as heroes.

Such Birch type thinking, that legitimate social, economic and political problems, can be subdued in this latter half of the twentieth century, cause we must soon be living within our unpleasantly rapidly rising world population. But this is a difficult and humbling problem, and so it is swept under the rug, but it will not remain there. We must realize the world has only recently been vastly altered by the ease of travel and communication, as well as with the multiplying factor of 1,000 in warfare.

Military force definitely creates hatreds and therefore worsens our position regarding the major problem.

In my opinion, a strong and representative United Nations, century, by guns is loading this planet with Communists and vicious haters of our United States, infinitely to our disadvantage.

In my opinion, our major problem is to encourage us all to learn the bitter necessity of getting along the best humanly possible way in which a small nation can force our United States, or any other, to keep their nose out of their internal affairs, (such as the little person on our domestic courts has a reasonably good chance for justice). I believe this is the only hope for us, and therefore the world, avoiding a horrible mess.

I am confident the John Birch type, the military, the vested interest in war materials, the CIA, the expedient politician, and expedient communicationist are increasing our problems and will solve them only by hastening the work of the undertaker.

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